

## **REMARKS**

This amendment is in response to the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (the “Decision on Appeal”). Claims 1, 7-10 and 13-23 are pending in the application. Claims 2-6, 11 and 12 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 7-10, 13 and 14 have been amended. Claims 15-23 have been added. No new matter has been added.

### **Claims 1 and 7 are Allowable**

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 2-5, which the Decision on Appeal indicated were patentable over the cited art. Applicants respectfully assert that claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

The Office has previously acknowledged in the Final Office Action that the subject matter of claim 7 is allowable. Therefore, Applicants request that claim 7 also be allowed.

### **Claims 8-10, 13 and 14 are Allowable**

Claim 8 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 11, which the Decision on Appeal indicated was patentable over the cited art. Applicants respectfully assert that claim 8 is in condition for allowance. Claims 9, 10, 13 and 14 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 8.

### **Claims 15-23 are Allowable**


New claim 15 is an apparatus embodiment of claim 1, including the subject matter of claims 2-5, which the Decision on Appeal indicated were patentable over the cited art. Applicants respectfully assert that claim 15 is in condition for allowance. New claims 16-23 are allowable by virtue of their dependence from a respective independent claim, which Applicants have shown to be in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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